



OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH CHRONIC DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM TOBACCO CONTROL PROJECT

Over 600 people die each year in Louisiana from breathing other people's tobacco smoke.

Nationally, ETS is associated with 2,700 lung cancer deaths each year in non-smokers, making it the 3rd cause of lung cancer after smoking and radon.

40,000 to 50,000 heart disease deaths are caused by ETS each year nationally.

Tobacco accounts for an estimated 85% of the lung cancer in Louisiana.

Cigarette smoking, a leading cause of coronary death, directly accounts for 21% of all (15,426 annual) deaths from heart disease and 41% of coronary deaths among women in Louisiana.

Approximately 25% of the Louisiana population over the age of 18 smoke. 80% of those current smokers began smoking before the age of 20.

There are an estimated 7,205 deaths each year in Louisiana that can be attributed to tobacco which is approximately 20% of all Louisiana deaths.

Cigarette smoking accounts for \$251,000,000 in medical cost each year in Louisiana.

Nationally, Medicare and Medicaid alone pay out at least \$4.2 billion annually to care for those who are ill from cigarette related disease: heart, disease, cancer, stroke, lung disease, pneumonia, influenza and others.

Environmental Tobacco Smoke is responsible for between 150,000 and 300,000 serious respiratory ailments each year in young children, especially infants.

Between 7,500 and 15,000 cases of respiratory ailments caused by ETS are serious enough for the child to be hospitalized.

Exposure to ETS exacerbates asthmatic symptoms in many of the country's 2 to 5 million asthmatic children. Children in households where there are smokers are more likely to become asthmatic.

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